

2022 H1 Q18

Section: Electricity

Topic: Monitoring and Measuring A.C.

- Count the peak-to-peak amplitude from the oscilloscope trace; the waveform spans about 6 vertical divisions.
- With a Y-gain of 2.0 V per division, the peak-to-peak voltage is about $6 \times 2.0 \text{ V/div} = 12 \text{ V}$. The peak voltage is half of this: 6 V.
- Calculate the r.m.s. voltage using $V_{\text{rms}} = V_{\text{peak}} / \sqrt{2}$; this gives about $6 \div \sqrt{2} \approx 4.2 \text{ V}$.
- Measure the period of one complete cycle. One cycle occupies about 5 divisions; at 5 ms per division, the period is roughly 25 ms.
- The frequency is the reciprocal of the period: $f = 1 / 0.025 \text{ s} \approx 40 \text{ Hz}$.

Final Answer: B — 4.2 V, 40 Hz

Revision Tips:

- Measure the horizontal length of one complete cycle in divisions and multiply by the timebase to find the period; frequency is $1 \div \text{period}$.
- R.M.S. voltage for a sine wave equals the peak voltage divided by $\sqrt{2}$; use half of the peak-to-peak value to find V_{peak} .
- Use the Y-gain to convert vertical divisions into volts and the timebase to convert horizontal divisions into seconds.